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Two years ago *The Reader's Digest* (April, '56) published a condensation of the book "Deliver Us From Evil" by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, who, as a young U.S. Navy doctor, had been sent ashore in North Vietnam at the end of the French Indo-China War to help more than 500,000 desperate Vietnamese who were seeking escape from Communist rule. This unforgettable experience changed young Dr. Dooley's life. He resigned from the Navy, gave up the promise of a prosperous practice at home, and determined to bring person-to-person medical aid to some of the most awesomely distressed people on earth—the sick and suffering of Southeast Asia. Since then, with a team of devoted young volunteers (and sometimes in "collaboration" with witch doctors!), he has brought healing and understanding to two key areas on the rim of Red China and, in the process, has pioneered a whole new concept of U.S. "foreign aid."

**T**HE EVENING in February, 1956 I went to a dinner at the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington. It was an important occasion for me, because I hoped to return to Indo-China with a medical mission, and I had a premonition that all my plans would hinge

on what happened that night. I had been sold on the idea of unpretentious medical missions ever since I was assigned, in the fall of '54, to that miserable refugee camp at Haiphong in North Vietnam. Operation Cockroach, the Navy called it—one Navy doctor,

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